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SUBJ, GOU RELEASE ON PRESIDENT AMIN' S MEETING WITH PLO
REPRESENTATIVE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SUBJECT STORY IN MARCH 9 VOICE OF
UGANDA.

BEGIN TEXT

PRESIDENT AMIN MET A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN
LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO), MR. KHALID EL- SHEIKH, WHO
BRIEFED HIM ABOUT THE KHARTOUM INCIDENT OF LAST WEEK AND
ALSO HANDED HIM PICTURES OF THE ARAB PEOPLE WHO WERE KILLED
IN THE LIBYAN AIRLINER WHICH WAS SHOT DOWN BY ISRAELI FIGHTER
PLANES.

HE ALSO BRIEFED THE PRESIDENT ABOUT ISRAELI BOMBINGS AND
KILLINGS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS WHO ARE REFUGEES IN LEBANON.

PRESIDENT AMIN THANKED THE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVE FOR
THE FIVE DOCTORS FROM PALESTINE WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN UGANDA
AND NURSES WHO ARE WORKING IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN UGANDA.
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MR. KHALID EL- SHEIKH ASSURED THE PRESIDENT THAT MORE DOCTORS, FIELD ENGINEERS, MECHANIC ENGINEERS AND SOME TECHNICIANS WOULD BE ARRIVING VERY SOON.

MR. SHEIKH WHO IS LEAVING UGANDA SOON, HAS BEEN RECALLED FOR A BRIEFING AT THEIR AL FATAH HEADQUARTERS.

THE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVE THANKED PRESIDENT AMIN FOR HIS SUPPORT TO THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE.

THE PRESIDENT APPEALED TO BROTHERLY COUNTRIES IN AFRICA AND IN THE ARAB WORLD AND ALL PEACE- LOVING LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF THEIR COUNTRIES TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEM OF PALESTINE VERY SERIOUSLY BECAUSE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PALESTINIAN COM- MANDOS GOING ON IN THE WORLD.

THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT EVERYBODY IN THE WORLD CAN APPRE- CIATE THE POSITION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THEIR MOTHERLAND BY THE ISRAELIS AND NOW THEY ARE MADE TO LIVE IN OTHER COUNTRIES AS REFUGEES FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS.

THE GENERAL ASKED THE ISRAELIS WHAT THEY WOULD FEEL IF THEY WERE FACING THE SAME SITUATION.

" WE MUST TAKE THOSE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SUFFERING AND LIVING UNDER TREES AND TENTS VERY SERIOUSLY", HE SAID.

GENERAL AMIN, HOWEVER, PRAYED GOD THAT WITH THE HELP OF PEACE- LOVING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD AND WITH THE BLESSING OF GOD THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WOULD ONE DAY GO BACK TO THEIR COUNTRY.

THE PRESIDENT APPEALED TO THOSE LEADERS WHO MAY BE THINK- ING OF TAKING DRASTIC ACTIONS AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO CONSIDER THEIR STEPS VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE DOING SO UNTIL SUCH A TIME WHEN THE PALESTINIANS ARE TAKEN BACK HOME. END TEXT.

2. REMAINDER OF ARTICLE REPORTS LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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RELATIONS BETWEEN SUDAN, AL- FATAH, EGYPT, INCLUDING QUOTES

FROM ARAFAT AND AL- AHRAM, AND AS USUAL IDENTIFYING TERRORISTS
AS " FREEDOM FIGHTERS".
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